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SUBJECT: U.S. ECONOMIC POLICY TOWARD AFRICA

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1. WE APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTFUL RESPONSE TO STATE REFTEL.
IN FOLLOW-UP WE ARE SENDING A SMALL TEAM TO SEVERAL AFRICAN
COUNTRIES INCLUDING SENEGAL TO OBTAIN MORE MATERIAL FOR
SENIOR LEVEL REVIEW OF ECONOMIC POLICIES TOWARD AFRICA.
DEPARTMENT FULLY APPRECIATES BURDEN THIS LATE NOTICE PLACES
ON POST, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING
MEETINGS, ACCOMMODATIONS, AND IN-COUNTRY TRANSPORTATION.
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IN SENEGAL, WE WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN FIRSTHAND INFORMATION
ON FOLLOWING TOPICS:

A. INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS IN SENEGAL AND OTHER SAHELIAN
STATES, PARTICULARLY RIVER VALLEY DEVELOPMENT (INCLUDING
SENEGAL AND GAMBIA RIVER BASINS YOU MENTIONED REFTEL).

B. WHAT THE US ROLE SHOULD BE IN PARTICIPATION IN SUCH PROJECTS; SPECIFIC BENEFITS EXPECTED FROM US PARTICIPATION.

C. MANPOWER NEEDS IN SENEGAL AND SAHEL, BY SECTOR, E.G., AGRICULTURE, FISHING, PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, ETC., US ROLE IN MEETING SUCH NEEDS.

D. SOLAR ENERGY PROJECTS AND POTENTIAL IN SENEGAL AND SAHEL.

3. EXPORT PROBLEMS -- DEPENDENCE ON ONE OR TWO PRIMARY PRODUCTS. POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS AND US ROLE.

2. WE WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN VIEWS OF EMBASSY, AID OFFICIALS ON THESE TOPICS AND IF POSSIBLE, OF OFFICIALS FROM OMVS AND OMVG.

3. CAROL LANCASTER (S/P) AND MALCOLM BUTLER (AID, DAA/IIA) PLAN TO ARRIVE TUESDAY, JULY 25, AT 0525 VIA PA 190 AND DEPART THURSDAY, JULY 27 AT 0845 VIA RK 106. PLEASE ARRANGE DISCUSSIONS DURING THIS PERIOD AT YOUR/LOCAL OFFICIALS' CONVENIENCE. CHRISTOPHER

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